



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

CARNAHAN et al.

Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 09/665,767

Examiner: Michael Cygan

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID
DETERMINATION OF POLYMER
MOLECULAR WEIGHT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated June 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1, 5 to 6, 28 and 31 as follows:

1. A method for the determination of polymer molecular weight, comprising:

injecting a known volume of an analytical sample comprising a polymer reaction product of a diphenyl carbonate and a dihydric phenol into a flow analysis system comprising a chromatographic column, a concentration detector, and a molar mass detector;